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Ms. Hesse,

This letter presents my comments to the Proposed Final Judgment in the Microsoft Settlement. I object to the PFJ on the following grounds:

- It fails to require the release of the Office file formats. As I IT professional I've seen the lack of alternative Offices packages as a key source of the Microsoft's hold on the desktop since the ability in exchange documents in binary form is a key to collaboration both inside and outside the organization.
- It fails to address Enterprise License Agreements. Microsoft's licensing of both the OS's and Office require payment for all computers. As computers are scrapped due to age the licenses can't be moved the newer machines since OEM's require an OS to be installed.
- It fails to provide an effective enforcement mechanism. Microsoft has shown its willingness to circumvent agreements in the past. Without a strong enforcement mechanism I believe they will do so again.

There have been several lists of issues publish but these are the ones I consider the most important.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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